



## Regional Rail Workshop Monday, September 30, 2013 ~ Centralia, Washington

The Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments and Thurston Regional Planning Council, in partnership with the Grays Harbor Council of Governments, the Lewis County Transportation Strategy Council and Washington State Department of Transportation, are hosting a public workshop on the **Draft Washington State Rail Plan**. We encourage the public to attend and share ideas regarding passenger and freight rail.

Citizens, elected officials, public agency staff and others are invited to attend and discuss freight and passenger rail transportation for Thurston, Grays Harbor, Lewis and Cowlitz Counties and to help refine the statewide rail plan draft. Workshop participants will receive an update on ongoing technical analysis and discuss priority needs and opportunities for the state rail system, especially as it impacts passenger and freight rail service.

When complete, the Washington State Rail Plan will serve as the strategy for future public investment in the state's rail transportation system. The plan will provide an integrated approach for both freight and passenger rail, including 5- and 20-year funding strategies. Finally, the Plan will guide Washington and its partnerships with Oregon and British Columbia to plan for future improvements to Amtrak Cascades. The Centralia meeting will allow for comments to be received in preparation for the release of the plan, scheduled for late 2013.

Groups unable to attend the workshop are encouraged to use the contact information below to request a briefing or visit <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Rail/staterailplan.htm> to view project materials and submit comments.

### Meeting details:

Monday, September 30, 2013  
1-4 PM  
Centralia Timberland Library  
110 S. Silver Street ~ Centralia

Meeting materials will be available on the following websites, starting September 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments: [www.cwcog.org](http://www.cwcog.org)  
Thurston Regional Planning council: [www.trpc.org](http://www.trpc.org)  
Grays Harbor Council of Governments: [www.ghcog.org](http://www.ghcog.org)  
Lewis County Transportation Strategy Council: [www.lewiscountywa.gov](http://www.lewiscountywa.gov)

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